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(c) if the reply to (a) and (b) is in the affirmative, whether the Government will issue orders to raise the F.T L. of Veeranam tank to the top level of shutters so as to make good the deficiency in storage for meeting the requirements of the large ayacut under the tank; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Veeranam is in all years drained completely to facilitate the fishery after the closure of irrigation season (31st March) prejudicial to the interests of the ryots under Veeranam?

A.—A report has been called for.

Land Revenue

Deduction for baling water in the Godavari and Kistna deltas.

11-15 a.m. * 1749 *Q.*—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 1379, on 1st February 1929, regarding deduction for baling water in the Godavari and Kistna deltas—

(a) whether the calculations of the Settlement Officer, Mr. Master, made in the year 1861 would be placed on the table of the House; and

(b) at what rate the said officer settled the cost of baling water with reference to the labour involved?

A.— (a) & (b) Mr. Master's report in which he made the calculations has not been preserved.

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware of the fact that the allowance given is out of all proportion to the labour involved? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" It is not so much out of proportion as the charge made for water is to its commercial purposes."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I take it, Sir, that the charge for the taking of water is based on a commercial basis? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" No, Sir."

Alleged overlooking of the claims of graduates for promotion in the Cuddapah Collectorate.

* 1750 *Q.*— Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Cuddapah district a junior Matriculate by name Mr. Krishnamachari was appointed Sub-Magistrate recently by a retiring Collector Mr. P. T. Srinivasachari in preference to many senior graduates by his name being included in the list as a special case;

(b) whether he is being continued as a Sub-Magistrate in spite of the reversion of his seniors; and

(c) whether the Government propose to remedy the grievances of the graduates whose claims were overlooked at least now?

A.— (a) (b) & (c) Collectors appoint deputy tahsildars and sub-magistrates from a list of persons previously approved by the Board of Revenue. The Government do not interfere in the selection of individuals for these appointments and do not propose to interfere in this case.